



# Sherburne NWR Photography Club

## Mission

*To provide information, education, inspiration and opportunity for all persons interested in nature photography. To share our passion for nature photography so that others will join us in cherishing and protecting the Sherburne NWR. We will adhere to the ethical practices for nature photographers in addition to the policies of the Sherburne NWR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

## Membership

Members share a common interest in nature and photography at Sherburne NWR and nearby natural areas. This is a volunteer-led, member-driven club. We'll discuss our interests, plan field trips, educational programs and more. We're excited to work with the Sherburne NWR to provide this new opportunity to share our passion of capturing the beauty of nature all around us.

Kids are welcome with adults.

No dues required.

## Meetings and Activities

We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the Oak Savanna Learning Center to share our latest photos and exchange information. We share techniques as well as information on related equipment.

Club field trips typically occur every month, but may be scheduled more frequently depending on opportunities. Got a suggestion for field trip? Let us know your ideas.

We will rely on email and social media as our primary means of communication. We respect your privacy and will use your contact information only for the purpose of club communication.

## Ethical Field Practices

*\* Adapted from NANPA (North American Nature Photography Association)*

The Sherburne NWR Photography Club believes that following these practices promotes the well-being of the refuge, subject and photographer. Every place, plant, and animal, whether above or below water, is unique, and cumulative impacts occur over time. Therefore, one must always exercise good individual judgment. It is our belief that these principles will encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the resource.

## ENVIRONMENT: Treat the wildlife, plants and places as if you were their guest

Learn the rules and laws of the refuge. *The Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Public Use Regulations & Map brochure is available at Headquarters and all trail kiosks.*

Learn patterns of animal behavior *So as not to interfere with animal life cycles.*

Do not distress wildlife or their habitat. *Respect the routine needs of animals.*

Use appropriate lenses to photograph wild animals.

*If an animal shows stress, move back and use a longer lens.*

Acquaint yourself with the fragility of the ecosystem.

*Stay on trails or within 100 ft. of road/trail to help minimize cumulative impacts and maintain safety.*



## SOCIAL: Treat others how you would like to be treated.

When appropriate, inform others of your presence and purpose.

*Do not interfere with other compatible activities, such as hunting, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.*

*Treat others courteously.*

*Ask before joining others already shooting in an area.*

Tactfully inform others if you observe them engaging in inappropriate or harmful behavior. *Many people unknowingly endanger themselves and animals. Don't argue with those who don't care; report them to the appropriate authorities.*

Remember these rules for public use of photos:

**Commercial Photography is strictly forbidden**

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- No photographs of children under 18 yrs of age may be posted to social media, published in magazines, newspapers, etc. without a signed release by the parent. Release forms are available at Headquarters and meetings.*
- Do not use/share another photographer's image(s) without their express consent.*

*Always give credit to the photographer that owns the image*

## Who We Are

The Sherburne NWR Photography Club is open to all photographers interested in nature photography. We have beginners wanting to learn, as well as experienced photographers willing to share information.

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